



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INDIGENOUS VOICES

## OPENING OF THE SESSION

**Special theme of the Thirteenth Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues “Principles of good governance consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: articles 3 to 6 and 46.”**

Temporary General Assembly Hall  
North Lawn Building  
United Nations Headquarters  
Monday, 12 May 2014  
(11:00am – 1pm)

1. Ceremonial sound of a traditional indigenous instrument from New Zealand by **Toiroa Williams**.
2. Declaration of the opening of the session by **Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs**.
3. Ceremonial welcome by the traditional Chief of the Onondaga Nation, **Todadahö Sid Hill**
4. Election of the Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
5. Statement by Secretary-General of the United Nations, **H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon**
6. Statement by the President of the General Assembly, **H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe**.
7. Statement by the President of ECOSOC, **H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik**
8. Election of the Bureau of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
9. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work for the Thirteenth Session



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10. Statement by the Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

11. Opening statement by **Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs.**

12. Statement by **Ms. Nuvia Magdalena Mayorga Delgado, Director General of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples, Mexico.**

13. Statement by **His Excellency, Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General of New Zealand**

(Waiata/Mōteatea (chant) and karakia by Prof Wharehuia Milroy immediately following the Governor-General's Statement).

